GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF BIO DIESEL BY OMCS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil companies are entering in the production of bio-diesel in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the production is likely to be started?

Answer

Minister of the State in the MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited do not have any plans to enter in the production of Bio-diesel. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has signed MoU with G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar for the cultivation of Jatropha and installation of bio-diesel production unit and to take up R&D on tissue culture for development of elite Jatropha and its propagation.

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, is also exploring possibilities to sign MoU/agreements with various Govt. and non-Govt. agencies for the large scale of Jatropha cultivation and bio-diesel production.